

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph extending from page 10, line 20 to page 11, line 7 as follows:

In this embodiment, the policy of whether or not to receive a new input is made by performing a hash of the ratings of User B. If the hash is identical to the hash of User A, the policy does not accept this new input. If, however, the policy is met and the two users share common categories, the input from User B is added to the input accumulated by User A. Specifically, for common items, User A's record for that item is located. The number of ratings received (field ~~[[306]]~~ **406**) is incremented by one for this item, then a new weighted rating is computed using the existing weighted rating for User A (field ~~[[304]]~~ **404**), the computed value of S, and User B's weighted rating for this item. The program will then check to see if User B has comments on this item. If User B provided a comment, the comment is entered into the comment field (field ~~[[314]]~~ **414**) pointed to by the pointer (field ~~[[312]]~~ **412**) to the next comment, then the pointer (field ~~[[312]]~~ **412**) is incremented to point to the next comment to be written.